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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION AT KUALA LUMPUR MEETING ON INDO-
CHINESE REFUGEES

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REF: KUALA LUMPUR 9571 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL PARA 9 SUGGESTED THAT U.S. BE PREPARED AT KUALA
LUMPUR MEETING TO DESCRIBE LEGISLATION REQUESTED BY ADMINI-
STRATION FOR LONG RANGE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM AND,
IF POSSIBLE, TO OFFER THE PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL CE NUMBERS.
IT ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LRP FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE

BY TIME OF MEETING.

2. RE LAST POINT, NOW THAT PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED APPROPRIATION BILL SEPT 8, WE HOPE BY SEPT 15 TO BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE MOVEMENT OF LRP REFUGEES. AUTHORIZATION CABLE WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; POSTS SHOULD NOT MOVE ANY LRP REFUGEES UNTIL THEY RECEIVE IT.

3. LOWMAN WILL DISCUSS OTHER SUGGESTIONS REFTEL WITH U.S. OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO REGION. THEY SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS BEFORE THAT TIME.

4. FYI USG AGENCIES ARE NOW WORKING ON LONG TERM LEGISLATION BUT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO DISCUSS ITS FORM OR PROSPECTS IN THE NEXT CONGRESS. FOREIGN OFFICIALS CAN BE TOLD, HOWEVER USG HAS PREVIOUSLY AFFIRMED MANY TIMES ITS CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE TWO GROUPS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IT HAS ASSISTED IN THE PAST: BOAT REFUGEES WITHOUT OTHER OFFERS OF RESETTLEMENT AND LAND REFUGEES CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE U.S. AS FOR PROSPECTS FOR ADDITIONAL CE NUMBERS, BILL COMBINING EASTERN AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE NUMBERS HAS STILL NOT MOVED IN SENATE, AND IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO RAISE HOPES THAT ADDITIONAL NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE IS ASSURED. CHRISTOPHER

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